

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

DR. XIMENA P GALARZA-RIOS, MD,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. CV 20-813 MIS/CG

OPTUMCARE NEW MEXICO, LLC,

Defendant.

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Rule 16 Scheduling Conference, held on February 22, 2022, and the parties' *Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan*, (Doc. 56), filed February 15, 2022. The Court adopts the *Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan*, (Doc. 56), as an Order of the Court as modified below.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan adopted in compliance with the Civil Justice Reform Act, and pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 473(a)(1), this case is assigned to a 210-day discovery track. Accordingly, the Court sets the following case management deadlines:

- i. Plaintiff to amend the pleadings and join additional parties by: **March 22, 2022**
- ii. Defendants to amend the pleadings and join additional parties by: **April 22, 2022**
- iii. Plaintiff to identify in writing any expert witness to be used by Plaintiff at trial and to provide expert reports pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) by: **June 23, 2022**
- iv. All other parties to identify in writing any expert witness to be used by such parties at trial and to

provide expert reports pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.

P. 26(a)(2)(B) by:

**July 22, 2022**

v. Termination date for discovery:

**Sept. 20, 2022**

vi. Motions relating to discovery (including, but not limited to, motions to compel and motions for protective order) to be filed with the Court and

served on opposing parties by:

**October 11, 2022**

vii. Pretrial motions, other than discovery motions, shall be filed with the Court and served on the opposing party by<sup>1</sup>:

**October 21, 2022**

viii. Pretrial Order: To be determined by presiding judge.

Before moving for an order relating to discovery, the parties may request a conference with the Court in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Service of interrogatories or requests for production shall be considered timely only if the responses are due prior to the deadline. A notice to take deposition shall be considered timely only if the deposition takes place prior to the deadline. The pendency of dispositive motions shall not stay discovery. See D.N.M.LR-Civ. 7 for motion practice requirements and timing of responses and replies. This deadline shall not be construed to extend the twenty-day time limit in D.N.M.LR-Civ. 26.6.

Any pretrial motions, other than discovery motions, filed after the above dates shall, in the discretion of the Court, be considered untimely. If documents are attached

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<sup>1</sup> This deadline applies to motions related to the admissibility of experts or expert testimony that may require a *Daubert* hearing, but otherwise does not apply to motions in limine. The Court will set a motions in limine deadline in a separate order.

as exhibits to motions, affidavits or briefs, those parts of the exhibits that counsel want to bring to the attention of the Court must be highlighted in accordance with D.N.M.LR-Civ. 10.6. See D.N.M.LR-Civ. 7 for motion practice requirements and timing of responses and replies.

Discovery shall not be reopened, nor shall case management deadlines be modified, except by an order of the Court upon a showing of good cause. This deadline shall be construed to require that discovery be completed on or before the above date.

The Court further sets the following discovery parameters:

- i. Maximum of 25 Interrogatories by each party to any other party  
(responses due 30 days after service);
- ii. Parties to determine the amount of Requests for Production;
- iii. Maximum of 40 Requests for Admission by each party to any other party;
- iv. Maximum of 10 depositions by each party; and,
- v. Depositions are limited to 5 hours, except depositions of parties, party representatives, or retained experts, which are limited to one day of 7 hours.

Service of interrogatories or requests for production shall be considered timely only if the responses are due prior to the deadline. A notice to take deposition shall be considered timely only if the deposition takes place prior to the deadline. The pendency of dispositive motions shall not stay discovery.

Parties may not modify case management deadlines on their own. Good cause must be shown and the Court's express, written approval obtained for any modification of the case management deadlines set forth herein. Any requests for additional

discovery must be submitted to the Court by motion before the discovery deadline expires.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carmen E. Garza", written over a horizontal line.

THE HONORABLE CARMEN E. GARZA  
CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE